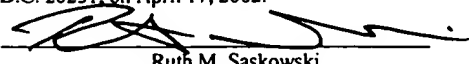


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 17 January 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 17 February 2002. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 17 April 2002 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Restriction was required among eight groups.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group VIII, claims 31-38. This election is made without traverse.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Claims.